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Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Minister is not aware that the literary equipment of some of the older pandits in service is in no way inferior to the equipment of the modern pandits having titles? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I am not competent to speak on the merits of individual cases. But the question is that the old pandits are drawing their old scales of pay."

*Constitution of a panchayat for Kodumudi, Coimbatore district.*

* 660 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a panchayat has been constituted for Kodumudi in Coimbatore district;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, why the matter is kept pending and when it is likely to be constituted; and

(d) if it has been constituted, what the annual receipts and charges are of that panchayat as per budget estimates for the year 1935–36?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government understand that the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has constituted a panchayat for Kodumudi in pursuance of his order, dated the 5th December 1934.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No information is available.

*Report of the Special Officer appointed to formulate proposals for road development.*

* 661 Q.—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Special Engineer for Road Development, Mr. Vipan, has made his report regarding proposals for the construction of bridges and roads and improvements thereto;

(b) if so, what the proposals are in regard to each district and what the estimated cost is of the proposals for each district;

(c) whether it is a fact that it is proposed that the funds of the Road Development Board are to be used on roads which would not compete with railways;

(d) if so, whether the question of improving the trunk road from Mangalore northwards and bridging all the rivers has been considered;

(e) what amounts have been spent on trunk roads in each district of this Province during each of the last three years;

(f) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Special Engineer will be referred to the Road Board for their opinion;

(g) if so, who the members of the Road Board are; and

(h) what steps have been taken to represent the interests of South Kanara on this Board?

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*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The information required is contained in the report which has been published and placed at the disposal of the Press.

(*c*) Not necessarily.

(*d*) No. The comprehensive scheme of road development prepared by the Special Engineer for Road Development includes proposals for a road to connect Calicut with Coondapoor and thence to the Bombay Presidency frontier and also for the bridging of certain rivers and streams in the South Kanara district. These proposals will be considered by Government along with the comprehensive scheme.

(*e*) A statement [a] showing the amount spent by local bodies on trunk roads during the three years ending 1933–34 is laid on the table. Figures for 1934–35 for all the local bodies are not available.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) A list [a] of the members of the Board of Communications (which has taken the place of the old Road Board) is appended.

(*h*) The interests of local bodies are represented by three members, of whom the President, District Board, Malabar, is one. There is no separate representation for each district.

## Sanitary Engineering

*Tap-rate system of water charges in mufassal municipalities.*

* 662 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the present method of charging for water-supply in mufassal municipalities;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in mufassal municipalities, there is a wholesale change from metering to tap-rate system; if so, why;

(*c*) whether the Government have approved of such a change to tap-rate system; if so, on what grounds; and

(*d*) whether the water meters in mufassal municipalities have not been found to be inaccurate in recording consumption of water?

*A.*—(*a*) The Government have issued model by-laws relating to house connexions for adoption by municipal councils which have introduced house-connexion schemes. These by-laws require that every house to which supply is given should be provided with a meter, and that charges should be fixed for supply in excess of the free allowance provided for in them. The free allowance is permitted only in the case of water supplied for domestic purposes. In the case of water supplied for non-domestic purposes, all

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 322–324 infra.